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Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on January 18, 2007, **RONALD D. BOND**, age 39, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. BOND, who had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, was sentenced to 77 months' imprisonment, 3 years' supervised released, and was fined \$475.

The violation occurred between September 3, 2002, and November 3, 2005, in Jackson, Williamson, Saline and Union Counties. Six co-defendants have previously been sentenced to prison terms ranging from 60-262 months for their roles in the methamphetamine conspiracy.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, and United States Marshals Service pursuant to their participation in the Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The Harrisburg Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Zeigler Police Department and Southern Illinois Enforcement Group also assisted in the investigation.

The case was assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution